



BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Cynthia Howk DATE: Dec., 1994

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YOUR ADDRESS: Rochester, NY 14608 TELEPHONE: 546-7029

ORGANIZATION (if any): The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc.

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): Castle - Smith House
2. COUNTY: Monroe TOWN/CITY: Greece VILLAGE: ---
3. STREET LOCATION: 706 Manitou Road (S.E. Corner of Frisbee Hill Rd.)
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: John & Linda DeRue ADDRESS: (same) Hilton, NY 14468
6. USE: Original: residence/farm Present: residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain private residence

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☐ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other: vinyl siding.
Roof = asphalt shingles. Foundation = targeted fieldstone.
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☐
(if known) b. wood frame with light members ☒
c. masonry load bearing walls ☐
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
10. CONDITION: a. excellent ☐ b. good ☒ c. fair ☐ d. deteriorated ☐
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site ☒ b. moved ☐ if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

(see continuation sheet)

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

"This is a 'green plus.' " P.Malo.

COLOR CODE

Green plus



14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known ☐ b. zoning ☒ c. roads ☒
d. developers ☒ e. deterioration ☐
f. other: currently "for sale;" sign lists property as zoned
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY: business/retail.
a. barn ☒ b. carriage house ☐ c. garage ☐
d. privy ☐ e. shed ☒ f. greenhouse ☐
g. shop ☐ h. gardens ☐
i. landscape features: deciduous trees, coniferous shrubs
j. other: modern wood rail fence along north side of property.
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):
a. open land ☐ b. woodland ☐
c. scattered buildings ☒
d. densely built-up ☐ e. commercial ☒
f. industrial ☐ g. residential ☒
h. other: _____

17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

(see continuation sheet)

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

(see continuation sheet)

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1872
ARCHITECT: not determined
BUILDER: not determined

20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:

(see continuation sheet)

21. SOURCES: (see continuation sheet)

22. THEME: agricultural: former farm residence & outbuilding.

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Contemporary vinyl siding has been installed over the original wood clapboards, c. 1980s.

Contemporary wood, handicapped ramp constructed at the rear of the house, c. 1980s-90s.

Contemporary one-story, gable-roofed wing (on concrete block foundation) added onto the south elevation, c. 1970s-80s.

Contemporary wood porch railing on northeast porch is c. 1980s addition.

17. The Castle-Smith House is located on a 1.1-acre lot on the southeast corner of Manitou and Frisbee Hill Roads in the northwest quadrant of the town. The front elevation faces west. A driveway is located to the rear (east) of the house. It leads to a contributing gable-roofed, frame barn (located next to the Frisbee Hill roadway). A contemporary, wood, rail fence extends along the north side of the property. To the southeast is woodland. Formerly "The Country Corner" store, the house is located at an intersection that has both commercial and residential properties. Across the street is a c. 1970s-80s gas station/mini-market on the northeast corner of Manitou and Frisbee Hill Roads. To the south of the house is a contemporary, one-story, concrete block commercial building (auto repair shop), of c. 1950s construction. The residential buildings in the neighborhood are mostly late 19th- and early 20th-century houses.

18. The Castle-Smith House is a two-and-one-half-story, cross-gabled, vernacular Queen Anne farmhouse. This vinyl-sided frame house is constructed atop a pargeted fieldstone foundation. A brick chimney is located atop the main ridgeline of the roof. Fenestration is regular and repetitive with 1/1, double-hung wood windows. Each of the cross-gabled sections is two-bays wide. The north gable features a two-story, cutaway, window bay. The front gable has a round-arched window; the north and south gables have rectangular windows with decorative, colored glass. The north, west and east gables include wide, decorative bargeboards with alternating recessed panels and raised circular designs.

Two one-story, gable-roofed porches are located on the north

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elevation (northeast and northwest corners of the house). The porches retain their original decorative details: turned, wood posts; curved, wood brackets; and wood screens with basket-weave lattice underneath. A small window next to the northwest porch (north elevation) has colored glass set in a diamond-shaped pattern.

A contemporary one-story, gable-roofed addition projects from the south elevation (near the southeast corner of the house). A contemporary wood, handicapped ramp extends to the east, off the rear of the house.

A contributing, early 20th-century, gable-roofed, frame barn is located to the northeast of the house, near the roadway. The north, east and west elevations of the barn are clad in wood board-and-batten siding; the south elevation is clad with large sheets of contemporary wood paneling. A pair of sliding track wood doors is located on the facade (north elevation).

A contemporary wood, rail fence extends along the north lawn of the site, next to the road. A number of mature deciduous trees enhance this property.

20. Built c. 1872, the Castle-Smith house is architecturally significant as a distinctive example of a vernacular Queen Anne farmhouse. This house, with its adjacent gabled barn, is historically significant as well, as an important visual reminder of the town's agricultural heritage.

The Queen Anne was the dominant style of domestic architecture during the 1870s to about 1910. The steeply-pitched, cross-gabled roof, cross-plan, porch with turned posts and brackets, cutaway bay, and overall picturesque massing are typical Queen Anne characteristics. Other than the installation of vinyl siding, the original design and craftsmanship of this house is largely intact. Should the synthetic siding be removed in the future and the original clapboard be repaired, the architectural significance of this house would be enhanced.

The property is enhanced by the early 20th-century, gable-roofed frame barn to the northeast of the house. Many of the town's agricultural buildings have been lost to development pressures, deterioration, abandonment, or fire. These

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structures are quickly vanishing from the landscape. At present, this property is for sale (advertised as "zoned business/retail). Surviving farmhouses and agricultural structures such as those at 706 Manitou Road have become more rare and thus more significant within the context of the town's history.

The 1852 county map shows this site as an empty lot. The 1872 county map first shows a building (the present house) here, listed as lot 47 and "T.Castle" as the owner. The roads are un-named. As this property is near the Greece-Parma town line, it explains the presence of a building marked "Parma School No. 14" on the southwest corner of this intersection.

The 1902 county map shows this as a 11.5-acre parcel owned by John Smith. The house is shown and a creek runs through the property to the south of the residence. "Frisbee Hill Road" is named for the first time on a map.

The 1924 county map shows this site on "North Town Line Road." The property is a 9.5-acre parcel with S. Smith listed as owner. Three frame houses and a barn are shown on the property. The present house is shown with the barn to its northeast. Two additional frame houses are located to the south of this house; the creek is south of the buildings. The 1930 suburban directory lists Mrs. Sarah A. Smith, widow of John Smith at this address (no house number is given).

The 1959 county map shows this house as address as #706 Manitou Road. The property is a 3.5-acre parcel that includes the house and barn to the north and a masonry garage (auto repair shop) to the south. F.W. Smith is listed as owner and Buttonwood Creek flows east, across the south part of the property. This property was owned by the Smith family for over 50 years. This long-term, single ownership is partially responsible for the mostly unchanged exterior design of this house.

21. See final report for bibliography.

